

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 26, 2005. Claims 2, 3, 7, 9, 12-13, 15, 22, and 31-32 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16-21 and 23-30 were rejected. With this Response, claims 1, 4-6, 8, 10-11, 14, 16-21, 23-30 and 33 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4-6, 10-11, 14, 19-21, 23-25, and 27-30 were under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Strobel (Strobel et. al., U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0014651 A1).

The earliest effective reference date of Strobel is its filing date July 12, 2001.

Accompanying this Response is a Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 to establish conception of the subject matter of the present patent application prior to the effective reference date of July 12, 2001 of Strobel, coupled with due diligence from prior to the effective reference date to the filing date of the present patent application (i.e., a constructive reduction to practice) on November 29, 2001. This Declaration is submitted to further prosecution of the present patent application and should not be construed as acquiescence by Applicant to the outstanding rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. 1.131.

Based on the Declaration of Prior Invention, Applicant submits that Strobel does not qualify as a reference against Applicant's application under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and is therefore removed as prior art against Applicant's claims. Accordingly, because the rejection of claims 1, 4-6, 10-11, 14, 19-21, 23-25, and 27-30 under Section 102(e) cannot stand, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of those claims be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1, 4-6, 10-11, 14, 19-21, 23-25, and 27-30 be allowed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, claims 8, 26, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strobel et al. in view of Blumberg (Blumberg et al., U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0140315 A1).

In the Office Action, claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strobel in view of Blumberg, and further in view of Block (Block U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0010604 A1).

Based on the Declaration of Prior Invention, Applicant submits that Strobel does not qualify as a reference against Applicant's application under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and is therefore removed as prior art against Applicant's claims. Because Strobel does not qualify as a reference against Applicant's application under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), Strobel also does not qualify as a reference against Applicant's claims 8, 16-18, 26, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

In addition, neither Blumberg nor Block are sufficient without Strobel to maintain the rejection.

For these reasons, the rejection of claims 8, 16-18, 26, and 33 under Section 103 cannot stand, and therefore Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 8, 16-18, 26, and 33 be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 4-6, 8, 10-11, 14, 16-21, 23-30, and 33 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1, 4-6, 8, 10-11, 14, 16-21, 23-30, and 33 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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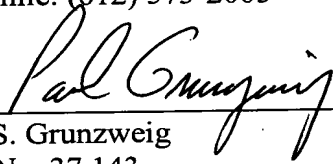
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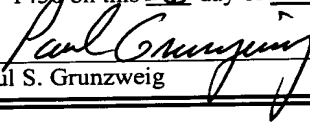
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